



GRADUATION DAY - MAY 13, 2023 at South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary (SFBC&TS)

Commencement was a momentous occasion as 72 students graduated with degrees. Thirty - three received an Associate's Degree, 18 received a Bachelor's Degree, 15 received a Masters, and 6 received a Doctorate Degree. Family and friends attended and cheered on the graduates! Dr. Mary Drabik said, *"We continue to provide affordable education to students, allowing them an opportunity to graduate and enter ministry or their chosen vocation - debt free! The Bible tells us when one member is honored, we all rejoice with them."* "This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

Pictured with the graduates are Dr. Mary Drabik, President of SFBC&TS and Dr. Josiah Stephan, Vice President of Academics.

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ALUMNI LUNCHEON CELEBRATION - MAY 6, 2023

Every year graduates are inducted into SFBC&TSs' Alumni Association. The 5th Annual Alumni Luncheon was held on May 6, 2023 at Founders Hall as family and friends proudly watched. This ceremonial luncheon is part of a 2 week celebration where students are awarded Bibles, outstanding Christian service is recognized, honor cords are distributed, students receive Master's hoods, and the salutatorian and valedictorian are announced. Awards also are given to students, alumnus, and businesses in recognition of exemplary dedication and support in connection with the growth and mission of SFBC.

- This year the **Alumni of the Year** went to Pastor Joseph Guadagnino of Solid Rock Christian Church in Boca Raton.
- Allison Duine, President of Intersection Online Inc., received the **Corporate Partnership Award** for financial support in underwriting and producing The Message newsletter, and other fundraising publications.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Evangelist Bill and Laura Carlson and to Wayne and Carol Richardson for underwriting the Alumni Luncheon and Graduation Ceremony.

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COLLEGE ACADEMY



During this high school season of caps and gowns, students dream of walking across the stage to graduate, marking a successful end to a long road of education. Then the next journey begins... college. Students celebrate the conquering of math, English, science, and history only to find themselves in those same classes upon entering college. College Academy avoids this with our dual enrollment program!

College Academy (CA) at SFBC&TS is an academically rigorous, dual-enrollment program, with a Christian worldview where high school students can grow in biblical thought and victorious Christian living. We offer students ages 15-18 the opportunity to earn up to an associate degree by the time they graduate high

school. These students take college-level classes that fulfill general education requirements for both college and high school. Additionally, most dual-enrollment programs consist of teens taking classes among older students. CA at SFBC&TS has a cohort for students to experience this journey among similar age peers. A flexible schedule allows attendance on campus or online to meet all educational needs.

In 2022, the Lord brought 33 students to fill the first CA cohort. Students achieved success in earning general education credits along with foundational Bible courses. Professors also volunteered their time to CA clubs, so students had the opportunity to learn from the best in Bible, business, psychology, and cross-cultural studies.



College Academy SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

There are scholarship funds available for the 2023-2024 school year.

Our newest cohort will fill up quickly so CALL NOW!

For more information contact smcneill@sfbcc.edu or call 954-594-2147.

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Former President of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro Visits SFBC&TS!

Florida has the largest population of residents who were born in Brazil - nearly 130,000 people -- of any U.S. state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey. That could explain why when Former President Jair Bolsonaro visited, he was welcome with open arms by the Brazilian students at SFBC&TS. The former President spoke passionately about his administrations accomplishments and the future of Brazil to an excited crowd in Founders Hall at SFBC&TS. If you would like to hold an event, consider using our facilities. We have ample parking, reasonable rental agreements and all size rooms for every event! Contact 954-637-2292 or email operations@sfbc.edu.



Pictured from left to right: Gail Neer, Beth Hall, Patricia Pessoa, Helen Siqueira, Aline Rocha Barbosa, Jair Bolsonaro, Elzeli Faleiro-Lopes, Alcmir Chuchene, Mary Drabik, Neeta Prakash, Fernanda Hall and her daughter Laura. *Photo Credit: Bill Coelho*

SFBC&TS Alumni & Friends Spring Break Cruise 2023!

The cruise was a great success with 38 staff, alumnus, board members, and friends in attendance. An annual cruise is planned every spring break so make your decision NOW to come! Spring Break in 2024 is scheduled for March 2-10. The more the merrier so bring your family and invite your friends!



Contact Debra Thune at debra.thune@cruiseplanners.com for more information on our Celebrity cruise venue. *Photo: Lance McNeill*

SUPPORT SFBC&TS: Pray, take a campus tour, tell your church about us, and donate by going to www.sfbc.edu and click on the donate tab or mail your support to: SFBC&TS, 2200 SW 10th Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

English For Academic Purposes (EAP) Graduation Celebration!



"One more EAP graduation! These students have achieved their dream & passed their English course! You can also achieve this dream, come study with us!" Beth Hall, Director, EAP Programs. Contact admissions@sfbc.edu or call 954-637-2292. Our admissions officers speak Portuguese, French, Creole, and Spanish. Check out our website at www.sfbc.edu. A rewarding and life-changing experience awaits you!

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SFBC THROWS A BLOCK PARTY!

On April 15th we invited the community to get to know what South Florida Bible College has to offer. There was a lot of fun with live music, bounce houses for the kiddos, giveaways, food, games, and campus tours of the building. The event was well attended and lots of fun for all!



If you would like to visit SFBC&TS and take a tour or talk about educational opportunities for you and your family, call 954-637-2268 or email germil@sfbc.edu.



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